

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Office for the Office's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding.

2. OBJECTIONS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 and 14 are objected to because of alleged typographical errors. Claims 1 and 14 are amended to eliminate the offending expression. The present objection is therefore deemed overcome.

3. 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-17, 19-23 and 25-26 are rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. patent no. 6,154,738 ("Call") in view of U.S. patent application publication no. 2002/0083341 ("Feuerstein").

Claim 1: The Office relies on Feuerstein, ¶¶ 0033 and 0045 as teaching or suggesting"

"wherein said central server verifies said resource information request concerning said service provider resource from said resource requestor before returning the retrieved service provider resource information."

Applicant respectfully disagrees. ¶ 0033 describes verifying integrity of a resource, but not a request for a resource. ¶ 0045 describes adds nothing, merely being a description of what Feuerstein considers to be a resource. ¶¶ 0047-0053 of Feuerstein describe a process for validating a request to prevent buffer overrun of a server (¶ 0048), but there is no teaching or suggestion anywhere in Feuerstein that a resource request is verified. As the Office acknowledges, there is no teaching or suggestion of such subject matter in Call. There is therefore no teaching or suggestion in the combination of:

"A process for using an association between a service provider resource and a fixed identifier to allow resource requestors to consistently access a service provider resource without being affected by changes to the service provider resource, the process comprising the steps of:

a central server receiving a resource information request from a resource requestor concerning a service provider resource;

extracting a fixed service provider resource identifier from said resource information request, said service provider resource identifier having a one to one correspondence with said service provider resource;

providing a resource information database resident on said central server that contains cross references from service provider resource identifiers to service provider resource information, said database containing resource information for all service providers within the central server's area of responsibility, said resource information for each resource comprising at least a universal resource locator (URL) and substantive descriptive information concerning the resource, said substantive descriptive information comprising a description of the resource; and

said central server accessing said database using said extracted service provider resource identifier and retrieving service provider resource information comprising at least a universal resource locator (URL) and substantive descriptive information concerning the resource and comprising a description of the resource from said database;

wherein said central server verifies said resource information request concerning said service provider resource from said resource requestor before returning the retrieved service provider resource information."

Accordingly, the present rejection of Claim 1 is improper. Claim 1 is therefore deemed allowable over the combination. In view of their dependence from an allowable parent claim, Claim 1's dependent Claims are deemed allowable without any separate consideration of their merits.

The foregoing remarks apply equally to the remaining independent Claims and their dependent Claims.

In spite of the foregoing, Claim 1 is amended to describe:

"verifying integrity and origin of said substantive descriptive information concerning the resource by a recipient of said substantive descriptive information concerning the resource." Support for the amendment is found in ¶ 0055 of U.S.

patent application publication no. 2005/006315. Claims 8, 14, and 21 are amended in similar fashion to Claim 1. There is no teaching or suggestion in the combination of:

"A process for using an association between a service provider resource and a fixed identifier to allow resource requestors to consistently access a service provider resource without being affected by changes to the service provider resource, the process comprising the steps of:

a central server receiving a resource information request from a resource requestor concerning a service provider resource;

extracting a fixed service provider resource identifier from said resource information request, said service provider resource identifier having a one to one correspondence with said service provider resource;

providing a resource information database resident on said central server that contains cross references from service provider resource identifiers to service provider resource information, said database containing resource information for all service providers within the central server's area of responsibility, said resource information for each resource comprising at least a universal resource locator (URL) and substantive descriptive information concerning the resource, said substantive descriptive information comprising a description of the resource;

said central server accessing said database using said extracted service provider resource identifier and retrieving service provider resource information comprising at least a universal resource locator (URL) and substantive descriptive information concerning the resource and comprising a description of the resource from said database;

wherein said central server verifies said resource information request concerning said service provider resource from said resource requestor before returning the retrieved service provider resource information; and

verifying integrity and origin of said substantive descriptive information concerning the resource by a recipient of said substantive descriptive information concerning the resource."

Accordingly, even if the present rejection were not improper, it would be overcome by the present amendment. The present rejection is therefore deemed improper/overcome.

Claims 8, 14 and 21 have been amended in similar fashion to Claim 1. Therefore, rejections of these Claims are also deemed improper/overcome.


4. No new matter is added by way of the above amendments. It should be appreciated that Applicant has elected to amend the Claims solely for the sake of expediency in deference to the Office policy of compact prosecution. Such amendments do not indicate agreement with the Office's position, nor are they evidence of intent to sacrifice claim scope. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue protection of a scope that it reasonably believes it is entitled to in one or more future submissions to the Office.

5. For the record, Applicant respectfully traverses any and all factual assertions in the file that are not supported by documentary evidence. Such include assertions based on findings of inherency, assertions based on official notice, and any other assertions of what is well known or commonly known in the prior art.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Application is deemed in allowable condition. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims. Should the Office have any questions regarding the Application, he is invited to contact Applicant's attorney at 650-474-8400.

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